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Applicant: John Meyer Bradley et al

Examiner: Nathan Scott Mammen

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For: PIVOTING PLANTING UNITS VERTICALLY

Moline, IL 61265

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First Amendment

The Honorable Commissioner

of Patents and Trademarks

Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action dated 1 November 2002, paper no. 3, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

In the Claims:

Please amend claim 1 as follows:

1. A seeding machine comprising:

a frame;

a wing frame is pivotally mounted to the frame so that it can be pivoted from a working configuration to a transport configuration;

a hopper for holding seed;

a pivot arm having a first end and a second end, the first end of the pivot arm is pivotally mounted to the wing frame, the pivot arm having a working position and a transport position;

a planting unit is mounted to the second end of the pivot arm, the planting unit comprises a seed meter, an auxiliary hopper and a furrow opener, when the pivot arm is in its working position the planting unit is in contact with the ground;

a flexible tube extends between the hopper and the auxiliary hopper of the planting unit for directing seed from the hopper to the planting unit;

when the wing frame is moved to its transport configuration, the pivot arm is moved to its transport position wherein the planting units are pivoted vertically.

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